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TAGS: SHUM, PDIP, RP

SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE INCIDENT -- LETTER TO POLICE  
COMMISSIONER

REF: STATE 162700

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO BE SENT FROM AMBASSADOR  
YOUNG TO THE POLICE COMMISSIONER PER PARA 6 REFTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

"DEAR MR. COMMISSIONER:

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"ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY VANCE, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR  
DEEP APPRECIATION TO YOU AND THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE MANNER  
IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HANDLED THE INCIDENT AT 556 FIFTH  
AVENUE ON JUNE 11, 1978.

"THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTIONS THROUGHOUT THIS INCIDENT WERE  
COMMENDABLY PROMPT, EFFECTIVE AND IN THE HIGHEST PROFES-

SIONAL TRADITIONS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS PREPARATION OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CONBOY'S REPORT AND FOR THE PERSONAL ATTENTION AND COOPERATION WHICH YOU GAVE THIS MATTER.

"AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE PROVIDED A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SITUATION, WE HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED OUR REGRETS AT THE INCIDENT AND OUR APOLOGY FOR THE INADVERTENT AND TEMPORARY DETENTION OF MR. DACALANIO, WHO WE HAVE SINCE ASCERTAINED IS ENTITLED TO DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES BY VIRTUE OF HIS ASSIGNMENT TO THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. IN THIS CONNECTION I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE CONSIDER THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTIONS TO HAVE BEEN QUITE REASONABLE AND PROPER .. INDEED, YOUR DEPARTMENT DID ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN QUESTION AND WAS PREVENTED FROM DOING SO ONLY BY THE FACT THAT, ALTHOUGH MR. DACALANIO HAD BEEN NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE EMBASSY, THE EMBASSY HAD NOT REQUESTED THAT HIS NAME BE INCLUDED IN THE PUBLICATION LISTING SUCH EMPLOYEES.

"LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE ONCE AGAIN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH CAN SOMETIMES ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESENCE OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND OTHER FOREIGN OFFICES IN NEW YORK CITY, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFECTIVE AND HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER IN WHICH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT APPROACHES ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS REGARD." END TEXT. VANCE

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